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OK...

I HAVE TO LEAVE EARLY IN THE MORNING TOMORROW SO USE THIS TO GET YOUR-SELF LUNCH.

HMM?

TOMOKO!

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WHAT SHOULD I GET? MAYBE SOMETHING FROM THE CONVE-NIENCE STORE?

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NO... INSTEAD OF THE CONVENIENCE STORE I SHOULD...

Gather your courage and step forward.

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MOURNING 97:
BECAUSE I'M NOT POPULAR, I'LL EAT AT THE CAFETERIA

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I-IF YOU DON'T WANNA COME THAT'S OK...

HEH.

I JUST FIGURED IT MIGHT BE NICE TO EAT SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR A CHANGE.

I...

Y-YEAH.

HUH? THE CAFETERIA?

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今日のオススメ

原幕ラーメン 300円

REALLY? I-IN THAT CASE IT'S FINE, DON'T SWEAT IT...

WELL, IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO, BUT I ALREADY BROUGHT MY OWN LUNCH, SO...

DAMMIT... I SHOULD HAVE TOLD EVERYONE YESTERDAY I WANTED TO GO TO THE CAFETERIA...

EHI? OH, SORRY!

EXCUSE ME, IT'S YOUR TURN.

UMM...

YOU KNOW, THAT REMINDS ME, DIDN'T I EAT MY LUNCH BOX HERE ONCE? IT'S NOT LIKE THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES, RIGHT?

IN THE END I CAME HERE BY MYSELF, AND FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS...

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SHIT, I'VE GOTTA HURRY UP AND CHOOSE SOME-THING!

WHAT A DRAG...

UGH... I ENDED UP GETTING SOMETHING 'RANDOM'... AT THIS POINT, I JUST WANNA GO BACK TO THE CLASS-ROOM...

DO I REALLY WANT TO EAT HERE?

JEEZ, IT'S SO CROWDED.

ALL THIS PRESSURE IS MAKING IT HARD FOR ME TO SWALLOW MY UDON... I'VE GOTTA CHANGE MY SELF-IMAGE SOMEHOW!

I FEEL LIKE EVEN MORE OF A LONER HERE THAN IN THE CLASSROOM!

AND DUE TO MY RENOWN, MANY STUDENTS FIND IT HARD TO APPROACH ME, THUS I ALWAYS END UP SITTING ALONE DURING LUNCH.

YEAH! I'VE PRETTY MUCH PAINTED MYSELF AS A LIGHT NOVEL HEROINE!-THIS CAN WORK!

R-RIGHT! THAT'S IT! I'M A COOL **SILENT BEAUTY**...

BECAUSE OF MY GOOD LOOKS, I'VE BECOME KNOWN AS "THE LADY OF BLACK".

AH! HOLD ON A SEC, I THINK I FOUND A SPOT.

HM...

IT'S SUPER PACKED TODAY. THERE'S LIKE NOWHERE TO SIT! MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST GIVE UP ON EATING HERE.

WHOA!

HEY, KUROKI-SAN, DO YOU MIND IF WE SIT WITH YOU?

OH, THANKS! UMM, DO YOU WANT A HAND-KERCHEIF?

Feel free to take a seat...

A-ARE YOU OK? SORRY FOR STARTLING YOU...

WHA—

COUGH! COUGH!

THANKS, KUROKI-SAN.

OH GOD, THERE'S NO WAY... THERE'S NO WAY I CAN KEEP UP MY IMAGE WITH THIS MANY PEOPLE AROUND...

NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, I'LL JUST QUIETLY EAT MY UDON UNTIL THEY LEAVE...

ISN'T THAT STUFF DISGUSTING?

ARE YOU CRAZY? IT'S DELICIOUS!

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BUT MAN, KUROKI-SAN, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THAT KIND OF PERSON!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY AND MAKE THE FACT, THAT I'M A FRIENDLESS LONER INTO A 'COOL' THING. I HONESTLY DON'T CARE.

EVERY SO OFTEN I FEEL LIKE COMING TO EAT HERE ON MY OWN, BUT I NEVER HAVE THE GUTS TO ACTUALLY DO IT.

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I'VE GOT MAD RESPECT FOR YOU, YOU KNOW? NEXT TIME I GET THE URGE TO EAT HERE, I'M JUST GONNA DO IT!

EXCUSE ME? YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS YOU WEREN'T CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE ELITES OF CLASS 2-1.

WELL, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT LEFT US TO GO TO 2-1 THIS YEAR.

COME TO THINK OF IT, WEREN'T WE ALL IN THE SAME CLASS LAST YEAR TOO?

YEAH, I THINK WE WERE.

BUT NOW... I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING AT ALL. I DON'T FEEL LIKE BECOMING ANYTHING LIKE THEM... AFTER REALIZING THEY DON'T DO THINGS OUT OF SPITE, MY IRRATIONAL HATE FOR THEM IS JUST... GONE.

LAST YEAR I REMEMBER BEING SO JEALOUS OF THEIR GROUP DYNAMIC THAT I RESENTED THEM FOR IT...

THINGS WERE SO MUCH EASIER BACK WHEN I WAS JUST AN ANGSTY JERK...

THERE'S NO NEED BRING UP COMMON TOPICS WE ALL KNOW JUST TO INCLUDE ME IN THE CONVERSATION. IF ANYTHING, IT'S JUST TIRING...

I QUIT.

DIDN'T YOU USED TO PLAY PUZZLES AND DRAGONS?

I'VE BEEN SO BORED OUT OF MY MIND LATELY. I GET HOME AND THERE'S JUST NOTHING TO DO! YOU GUYS HAVE ANY IDEAS ON HOW TO KILL TIME?

I'M SURE THESE GUYS AREN'T ALSO DENYING THEIR TRUE SELVES JUST SO THEY CAN ENJOY A FUN HIGH SCHOOL LIFE.

JUST LIKE HOW NEMO SECRETLY WANTS TO BE A VOICE ACTRESS,

AH, BUT...

ALL I DO IS WATCH ANIME, READ MANGA, AND PLAY GAMES, BUT I CAN'T GO BLURTING THAT OUT.

HUH!?

HOW ABOUT YOU, KUROKI-SAN WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO AT HOME?

WHAT A WEAK REACTION!

OH, I SEE...

I JUST WATCH THE ANIME I RECORDED AND STUFF...

IF NEMO WANTS TO BE A VOICE ACTRESS, THEN SHE'S GOTTA BE AN OTAKU TOO...

SO I CAN AT LEAST TALK ABOUT ANIME, I GUESS.

"I SEE" AND "MUHM"!? IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT TO SAY!?

MUHM...

THIS SHOW CALLED ATTACK ON KABANERI...

WELL, RIGHT NOW I'M WATCHING...

REALLY? I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT ANIME. IS THERE ANYTHING GOOD RIGHT NOW?

OGI SAID THERE WAS SOMEONE IN OUR CLASS WHO WANTED TO BE A VOICE ACTOR.

IT'S PRETTY COOL TO HAVE DREAMS LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU THINK?

YEAH? WHAT ABOUT IT?

OH YEAH, SPEAKING OF ANIME, YOU GUYS REMEMBER THAT CAREER CONSULTATION THING WE HAD TO DO BEFORE?

EH!?

HEY, WEREN'T YOU LOOKING INTO LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES BEFORE? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THAT KIND OF STUFF?

THEY DO ALL THE VOICES FOR AMERICAN MOVIES, ANIME, TV ADS, AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

WHAT DOES A VOICE ACTOR EVEN DO?

ALL I PUT DOWN WAS I WANT TO GET INTO COLLEGE SO I CAN MESS AROUND FOR FOUR YEARS.

MAKES ME KIND OF JEALOUS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN ACTUAL GOAL IN LIFE.

AHAHA! NO WAY, THAT'S NOT ME! SENSEI JUST MISTOOK ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

SERIOUSLY!? DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE THE ONE THAT WANTED TO BE A VOICE ACTRESS?

THAT'S AWESOME! I'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU FROM THE SIDE LINES!

I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S NOT ME!

I FEEL LIKE THIS IS MY FAULT SINCE I BROUGHT UP ANIME IN THE FIRST PLACE...

UM...

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD LEND HER A HAND. I HAVE THE BENEFIT OF NEVER HAVING TO SPEAK TO THESE GUYS AGAIN ANYWAY, UNLIKE HER...

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MIGHT'VE BEEN ME YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

I'm not serious about it though...

THAT...

REALLY!?

HAVE YOU WORKED ON ANYTHING YET?

HA, HA, HA.

WOW, THAT'S CRAZY! CAN I GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH NOW BEFORE YOU BECOME FAMOUS!?

THERE WAS THIS (ERO) DRAMA I DID WITH SOME PEOPLE ONCE (THAT I MADE MYSELF, THAT IS).

DAMN, YOURE BASICALLY A PRO ALREADY!

HEY.

AH...

GUESS I'LL GO HOME...

PHEW.

WHAT!?

I HATE THAT ANIME, BY THE WAY.

ACTUALLY, I HATE PRETTY MUCH ANY ANIME THAT'S GOT VIOLENCE AND DEATH IN IT.

YEAH, I GUESS...

YOU STARTED TALKING ABOUT ANIME AT LUNCH BECAUSE OF ME, RIGHT?

I SEE.

I--

I'M MORE INTO SLICE OF LIFE STUFF, YOU KNOW?

S-SEE YA...

YEAH.

SEE YOU AROUND, KUROKI-SAN.

IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ANIME, DO IT WHEN WE'RE ALONE. OK?

I DON'T REALLY LIKE TALKING ABOUT IT WHEN PEOPLE ARE AROUND...

I THINK I'M BETTER OFF THE WAY I AM NOW...

LOOKS LIKE NORMIES HAVE THEIR OWN FAIR SHARE OF NORMIE TROUBLES TOO...